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## PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

CH CENTER 1600/2900 Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Notice of Appeal filed December 23, 2002, be extended for five months to and including July 23, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is being filed herewith.

Enclosed is a check for \$985 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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